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REMARKS

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1. Between 12 January and 15 February 1955, the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse (4741) in Prenzslau was still occupied by the armored rifle division which entered the installation on 18 December 1954. The unit allegedly was to stay there throughout the summer of 1955. 1

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2. In **[REDACTED]** the tank driving school unit resumed outdoor training. **[REDACTED]** 34 tanks daily went to the tank training area on Sternhagener **[REDACTED]** and 5 T-34/85 tanks were **[REDACTED]** in the southwest corner of the installation. 2

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3. Between 18 and 28 January, intensified training **[REDACTED]** in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzslau. Approximately 400 soldiers were **[REDACTED]** outside of the installation. The following heavy weapons were **[REDACTED]** in the installation:

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3 T-34/85 tanks **[REDACTED]**
4 six-wheel armored personnel carriers **[REDACTED]**

4 x 122-mm field howitzers;
2 x 85-mm AT guns;
2 x 57-mm AT guns;
and an undetermined number of mortars.

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The guns were parked in front of the quarters of Unit Masina.

4. The truck driving school **[REDACTED]** in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse daily conducted driving practices. **[REDACTED]**

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5. On 20 and 21 January. the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau was occupied by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Four guns, presumably 122-mm field howitzers, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 1 SP gun, presumably a SU-100 gun, and approximately 27 trucks were seen in the installation. A column of 14 [redacted] driving school trucks was [redacted] on Roepersdorfer Strasse. [redacted] 25X1
6. On 21 January, the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen trucks, 3 T-34 tanks, 2 tanks or SP guns with a caliber of approximately 150 mm and 2 tanks or SP guns with a caliber of approximately 75-mm were [redacted] in the installation. 25X1
7. On 20 January, approximately 300 soldiers participated in an exercise which was held in the training area west of Roepersdorfer Strasse. [redacted] 25X1
8. During the night of 12 January, 40 to 50 tanks [redacted] passed through Storkow south of Templin and proceeded southeastward. The same column [redacted] returned through Storkow toward Camp Hammelspring on 14 January. On 13 January, JSU-122 guns [redacted] left Camp Hammelspring. 25X1
9. On 17 January, a column of 15 three-axle trucks towing heavy guns was [redacted] near Zehdenick. The gun barrels were covered by tarpaulins. The guns which had dual wheels were coupled to the trucks by their trails. 5 25X1
10. Coal deliveries at the Vogelsang railroad station were sent to the following units: Shuck, Rakultsev, Petrov and Bulkov. According to the amount of coal, Units Shuck and Rakultsev must have an unusually high personnel strength. 6
11. In January 1955, wood was continually cut in Jagen (forest section) No 252 (plane table sheet No 2946, Hammelspring). During the first 6 months of 1955, 6 barracks buildings, 3 houses for dependents and 1 headquarters building were to be built there. Jagen No 208 was also cleared, allegedly for new barracks buildings. 7
12. On 30 January, the following shipments were loaded at the Templin railroad station: [redacted] 25X1
a shipment of 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 10 x 85-mm AT guns, 8 x 45-mm AT guns, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 1 bus, and 50 trucks [redacted] which left toward Oranienburg; 25X1
and a shipment of 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 x 45-mm AT guns, 8 canvas-covered guns, 2 radio trucks, 1 tank truck, 2 buses, 2 field kitchens and 40 trucks, which left toward Oranienburg at 2100. 8

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13. The following columns were [] in Templin en route toward Vogelsang: 25X1

31 January. At 0830, 15 trucks []

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1 February. At about 1000, 13 trucks []

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2 February. At 1000, JS-3 tanks [] 1 Ford B-615 amphibious vehicle, and numerous trucks []

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4 February. Between 0900 and noon, 2 columns of motor vehicles [] occupied by soldiers wearing full field equipment.

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14. On 31 January, a joint exercise of the units stationed in Camp Vogelsang (4823) at the Templin training grounds and KVP units from Torgelow (according to a KVP lieutenant) started in the Zehdenick-Gross Schoenebeck- Gross Doelln - Hammelspring area. Columns [] included: 25X1

2 February. Ten trucks [] and 4 x 37-mm AA guns, which entered Camp Vogelsang.

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3 February. Twenty motor vehicles with radio trucks, buses, and a field kitchen, [] which left Camp Vogelsang. The vehicles presumably belonged to a headquarters. 25X1

3 February. A column of 30 motor vehicles with 4 x 160-mm mortars, 4 x 45-mm AT guns, 76-mm guns and radio trucks which entered Camp Vogelsang. [] 9

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2. [] Comment. Heavy weapons and a tank turret number confirm the U/1 Tank Tng Bn of the 25th Tank Div in the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse. 25X1

3. [] Comment. Heavy weapons, motor vehicle and tank [] confirm the 175th Tank Regt, the 20th Mts Rifle Regt and the U/1 Arty Regt of the 25th Tank Div in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse. A new truck driving school for the elements of the division stationed in Prenzlau was apparently activated in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse. Colonel Masina or Musina (fnu) is [] commanding officer of the 20th Mts Rifle Regt and as ranking officer of the Prenzlau post. 25X1

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. Weapons [REDACTED] an indication of the presence there of [REDACTED] of the 25th Tank Div. Compare with Fie [REDACTED]
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5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the tank columns belonged to units of the 25th Tank Div, presumably the 111th Tank Regt. [REDACTED]
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6. [REDACTED] Comment. A Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel Zhuk (fau) is commanding officer of the 162th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div. This unit has been [REDACTED] stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp (4681/85) in Oranienburg, but [REDACTED] not [REDACTED] after the summer of 1954. [REDACTED] in addition to the 111th Tank Regt, the 162d Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div is permanently stationed at Templin, presumably in Camp Vogelsang (4823). [REDACTED]
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7. [REDACTED] Comment. The new barracks buildings which are to be erected in the area of Camp Vogelsang at the Templin training grounds tend to indicate that additional units of the 25th Tank Div are to be transferred to this area. [REDACTED]
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8. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] The composition of the shipments tends to indicate that the artillery units of the 10th Gds Tank Div which transferred from Satz Korn to Templin [REDACTED] returned to their installation. [REDACTED]
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9. [REDACTED] Comment. The movements of columns were probably connected with the exercises of the elements of the 25th Tank Div stationed in Templin which were conducted in the area south of Templin from 31 January to about 3 February 1955. It is worth noting that KVP units, apparently of Corps Nord, also participated in this exercise.
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